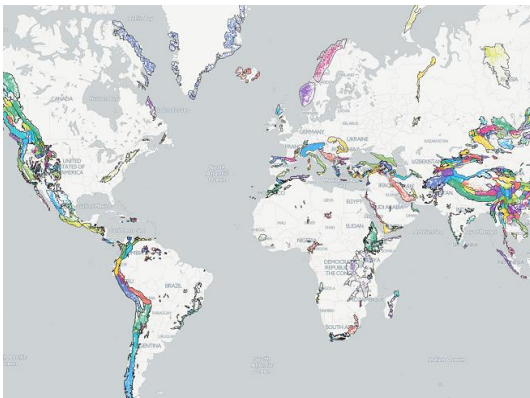




## Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

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### Online mountain assessment tool launched

The [Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment](#) (GMBA) Program of [Future Earth](#) launched a new version of the GMBA Mountain Portal on 11 December, International Mountain Day, along with the GMBA mountain inventory. The GMBA Mountain Portal is a resource developed by [Map of Life](#) that facilitates international and cross-disciplinary collaboration ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**Highlighting mountains in EU's Horizon 2020**

The European Commission has launched a public stakeholder consultation on the interim evaluation of [Horizon 2020](#), a European Union Research and Innovation programme with nearly €80 billion of funding available for 2014–2020. The [Mountain Research Initiative](#) (MRI) calls on



**#MountainsMatter photo contest winner**

Maryam Farzami of Afghanistan has won the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' (FAO) International Mountain Day #MountainsMatter photo competition. Her photo of an Afghan mother holding her infant daughter was taken in a remote mountain village in



**ICIMOD celebrates Himalayan cultures**

For many, mountains evoke powerful emotions with their breathtaking landscapes that inspire wonder. Mountains cover nearly 22 percent of the world's land surface and are home to 13 percent of the global population. They serve as water towers to the world, providing for the freshwater needs of



**The Pewenche people of the Chilean Andes**

Transhumance is the practice of moving livestock from one grazing ground to another in a seasonal cycle, typically to lowlands in winter and highlands in summer. In the lead up to International Mountain Day 2016, "Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and

citizens and organizations to seize the opportunity to highlight the importance of mountain research within the next Work Programmes ...

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Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan. FAO launched the photo contest in the run-up to this year's International Mountain Day (11 December), which carried ...

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more than half of humanity. In addition to their impressive majesty, mountain systems also encompass a wide variety of ecosystems, a great diversity ...

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strengthening identity", Professor Carla Marchant Santiago of the Austral University of Chile shared a case study about the transhumant practices of ...

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## FEATURED NEWS

- **Publication on waste management in mountains**
- **Resilience in the rural Andes**
- **Pragya Seeds Nepal hosts Zero Waste workshop**
- **Mountain Research and Development issue online**
- **Honouring the mountains of the world together**
- **Social innovation project in mountain areas**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **European Mountain Travel Summit**  
Venue: Crans Montana, Switzerland
- **Mountain Regions, Territories of Innovation**  
Venue: Grenoble, France
- **Incentivizing Mountain Communities for Ecosystem Services in a Changing Climate**  
Venue: Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Third Sustainable Mountain Tourism Alliance Symposium**  
Venue: Ostana, Italy

## PUBLICATION



Using Information and Communication Technology to Support Mountain Development: Examples to Learn From  
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## VIDEO



Lighting the Himalayas: Follow the [Global Himalayan Expedition](#) on a journey to bring electricity to a remote mountain monastery in Ladakh, India using solar power.  
[Watch](#)

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## MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 288 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 212 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector) and 5 subnational authorities. Please feel free to [contact them](#) for possible collaborative projects and ideas.

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## CALL FOR IMD EVENT REPORTS

International Mountain Day was a huge success with celebrations held all over the world. This year's IMD theme

“Mountain cultures celebrating diversity and strengthening identity” was celebrated in 43 countries with over 207 events. Please send a brief report of your event along with photos to [Samantha.Abear@fao.org](mailto:Samantha.Abear@fao.org) for the [IMD website](#) and upcoming newsletter.

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#### **CALL FOR NEWS**

Keep Mountain Partnership members informed of your activities! Please email [Sara.Manuelli@fao.org](mailto:Sara.Manuelli@fao.org) info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies or calls for papers.

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